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1. On 16 April, 1 officer and 45 EM with full pack, suitcases and blankets arrived at Sperenberg railroad station. At about 4 p.m., 46 soldiers with the same equipment boarded the regular train toward Zossen.

2. In late March, a bridge was constructed across the Saale River in Bernburg. A column of 15 amphibious cars, each about 12 meters long and 4 meters wide drove into the water, turned upstream, formed a bridge line, cast anchor and were interconnected. The bridge, which was ready for operation within fifteen minutes, was subsequently crossed by a column of trucks and medium tanks.

25X1A1. Comment. Presumably, an advance party of those units of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GDRG from Bernburg which, according to the same source, were unloaded in Sperenberg.

25X1A2. Comment. Information refers to a new method of hasty bridge construction. It is doubted, however, that the load capacity of the bridge will suffice for medium tanks.

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